

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) – 16 JAN 2022

Parish Vision—We are a diverse community united by our love for Jesus and for one another, constantly seeking to grow in this love especially through the Eucharist. We welcome everyone and help each other to discover their unique gifts, joyfully working together as one to bring the overflowing love of Jesus to all people.

Weekly Programme	Immaculate Conception UNANDERRA	St Therese WEST WOLLONGONG
Mon 17 January <i>St Anthony, abbot</i>	Mass: 7am	
Tues 18 January	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wed 19 January	Mass: 9.30am	Adoration: 4.30pm Reconciliation: 4.30pm-5.15pm Mass: 5.30pm
Thur 20 January <i>St Fabian St Sebastian</i>	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Fri 21 January <i>St Agnes</i>	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
Sat 22 January <i>St Vincent</i>	Rosary: 7:10am Mass: 7:30am Reconciliation: 5pm—5:30pm Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9:30am
Sun 23 January	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (<i>Polish</i>)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Patricia Bartley, Aloyse Larue
 Myra Adams, Frank Posavec

Anniversaries

William Butler (GF), ABp Philip Wilson
 Gilbert Gollan, Fr Barry Swift

Please also pray for the **sick** and those unable to attend Mass

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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Monday: 8:30am-3:30pm
 Tuesday: Closed
 Wednesday: 8:30am-3:30pm
 Thursday: Closed
 Friday: 8:30am-3pm

Message from Fr Duane

We now enter into "Ordinary Time", having concluded the Christmas Season. The challenge for us is to continue to recognize the presence of Christ in the ordinary day to day lives we lead throughout this year. After all, what we take with us from the Christmas Season with renewed gratitude is the conviction that God, in Christ, chose to fully embrace the ordinariness of human life – family life, friendships, work, and even sickness, suffering and death have all been embraced and experienced by God himself in Christ. Let's pray for the eyes to see our extraordinary God constantly working in our ordinary day to day events and encounters throughout 2022.

Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest

Message from Sr Kerry

Last week I spent an amazing week with family at Tathra. I always return with a sense of Wow!
 A couple of years back my brother was home alone when the bushfire swept through. Paul had to evacuate immediately. He left the house unlocked with his keys and wallet sitting on the kitchen bench. He was away from home for a week and didn't know if the house was left standing.
 On his return his wallet and keys were still on the bench. All was how he had left it.

There is no resident priest in Tathra and the Catholic community are rostered for opening and closing the church each day.

I asked about vandalism. There has never been any vandalism but it seems someone comes in regularly to make a cuppa for themselves. That was then explained by Paul quietly saying, 'It is probably a homeless person.'

Often we don't see the good we quietly do. If a visitor stayed in our community what would be the Wow factor you would like them to notice?

'Need has no timetable. Compassion has no schedule.' (Bishop Brian Mascord.)



Sr Kerry Gardiner

ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

January	Church Washing	Jackie Allen	
Sat 22 Jan	Church Cleaning	F Fernandez, B Rice, R Tassone	
Sat 22 Jan	Lawns	No Lawn mowing this week	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
Sat 22 Jan 6pm Mass	L Milan	-	School holidays
Sun 23 Jan 8am Mass	P Gunning	Helen Murphy	School holidays
Counters	C Dean, B Farraway		

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS



For any pastoral needs:
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SYNOD OF BISHOPS

Catholics across Australia are invited to participate in a period of local consultation for the next international Synod of Bishops, which has the theme: **“For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission”**.



The People of God are invited to use a guided, prayerful reflection method to consider a series of questions and make submissions via an online portal. Those submissions will help the bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. Find out more at: <http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

WALKING GROUP

Our next walk will be on **Thursday 3 February 2022**. Location to be confirmed closer to the date.

VOCATION NEWS



God's Spirit is given to each person for the common good. What are your gifts? Be willing to share them for the good of others. (1 Corinthians 12:4-11)

If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

FREE ACCESS TO 2021 AUSTRALASIAN CALLED TO DISCIPLESHIP CONFERENCE

On 20 November, nearly 700 people participated in this conference for Parish Renewal across Australia and New Zealand and the key notes have now been made available at no cost to clergy and parishes. Be encouraged and inspired by following the links below:

Session 1 (DR & Leadership – Fr James Mallon)

<https://youtu.be/ZMBDFrU9xp4>

Session 2 (Panel Discussion)

<https://youtu.be/U3KN29QHRIk>

Session 3 (Evangelisation – Dr Ralph Martin)

<https://youtu.be/Lbl0HYCWiqY>

Session 5 (Holy Spirit – Dcn Peter Pellicaan)

<https://youtu.be/qA05madbl0w>

CANDLEMAS – 2 FEBRUARY 2022

Candlemas (Presentation of the Lord), also known as the Feast of Light, is a day of purification, renewal, and hope. On this day, 40 days after Christmas, we commemorate Mary's obedience to Mosaic law by visiting the Temple for the ritual of purification, as commanded in Leviticus 12:2-8.

This year Bishop Brian and Fr Bernard will be blessing candles at Candlemas on **Wednesday, 2 February at St Francis Xavier Cathedral during the 7am & 12.10pm Masses**. Please bring your own candles to be blessed on this special day.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME – AIRS SUNDAY 16 JANUARY 2022

On the Journey this week: A gospel reflection that says the purpose of the miracle is faith, and the first opportunity for faith from his followers. Mother Hilda on searching in dark places. Plus, Fr Mike Delaney, Darren McDowell, Pete Gilmore, and more great music! Listen at jcr.org.au



CURSILLO THREE-DAY WEEKEND

Ladies of the Wollongong Diocese. Life has been so unsettled and erratic for many of us. If you are feeling in need of revitalisation in your Spiritual life, please join us for our next 3-day Cursillo weekend. The weekend will be held at St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park and consist of talks, discussion, friendship, daily Mass, and spiritual guidance on request. Our Spiritual Director is Father Chris Roberts. The weekend commences at **6pm on 17 March and concludes at 4pm on 20 March 2022**.

Accommodation and all meals included in the cost. The weekend organisation will be compliant with all COVID safe requirements. Please contact Denise **0438 254 139**

YOUTH MINISTRY ONLINE

Have you seen Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong's (CYMW) online version of LIVE yet? Click on the link below for some great worship and challenges as you explore faith with some very awesome leaders!

Enjoy! https://dow.sh/cymw_youtube

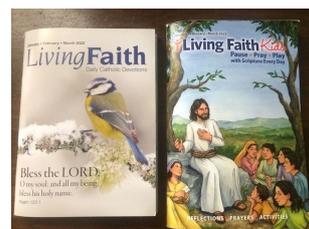
LIVING FAITH BOOKS

Living Faith books for **Jan, Feb and March** are now available in the church.

Cost is \$5 each.

Living Faith provides reflections based on a scripture passage from the daily Mass.

Please leave money in the container.



AMORIS LAETITIA (THE JOY OF LOVE)

Pope Francis' post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation, Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) on love in the family is an Apostolic Exhortation published after the conclusion of a two-year synod process discussing both the beauty and challenges of family life today. The 2015 Synod's theme was *“the vocation and mission of the family in the Church and the modern world.”*

Fr Bernard Gordon and James Arblaster will be presenting a **9-week course on Amoris Laetitia commencing Wed 27 April 2022, 7pm** at St Francis Xavier Cathedral in the Monsignor Rigney Meeting Room. To follow the talk, please purchase a copy of Amoris Laetitia from St Pauls Publications or from the parish office.

To register please contact Lumen Christi Parish Office on **4211 0500** or go to: www.lumenchristi.org.au/AmorisLaetitia

16 JANUARY 2022—THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

First Reading — Isaiah 62:1-5 *As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.*

About Zion I will not be silent,
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,
until her integrity shines out like the dawn
and her salvation flames like a torch.
The nations then will see your integrity,
all the kings your glory,
and you will be called by a new name,
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.
You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord,
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',
nor your land 'Abandoned',
but you shall be called 'My Delight'
and your land 'The Wedded';
for the Lord takes delight in you
and your land will have its wedding.
Like a young man marrying a virgin,
so will the one who built you wed you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,
so will your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial Psalm — Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. R.
2. Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. R.
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name. R.
4. Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness R.

Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 *One and the same Spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses.*

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia Alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Gospel — John 2:1-11 *The first of the signs given by Jesus was in Cana in Galilee*

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water', and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.